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As number of arrests grow

Officials continue the war on drugs in Coffee County

Officials and investigators of the Twelfth Judicial Drug Task Force want the citizens of Coffee County to know the war on drugs continues and this week released the overall case numbers from the second and third quarter reports.

Because of the heavy case-load, investigators said their news releases have not been very steady, however, due to the wishes of interested citizens to be informed, the frequency of the releases will pick up beginning with these quarter reports from April 2003 through Sept. 2003.

According to the task force investigators, the numbers clearly show all officers associated with the task force, Elba Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department are still very much dedicated to the war on drugs in Coffee County.

The quarter reports showed 188 cases with 106 arrests made from April 2003 through Sept. 2003. The charges included possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, crack cocaine, cocaine and prescription drugs), possession of marijuana first degree and second degree, trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in methamphetamine and the manufacture of a controlled substance first and second degree.

29 methamphetamine labs

were seized throughout the county with approximately \$678,000 of methamphetamine based on the amount of meth oil seized.

Investigators and officers also seized approximately \$152,500 of marijuana based on the standard price set by the drug enforcement agency. Seizures of currency and assets were estimated at \$5,000.

Task force officials said all officers involved deserve to be commended and a special thanks for an outstanding job goes to the following officers: Investigator Mark Anderson (59 cases and 32 arrests), Investigator Tony Harrison (24 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Kevin Wise (21 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Neal Bradley (19 cases and 11 arrests), Investigator Leslie Hussey (15 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Austin Redman (eight cases and six arrests), and Deputy Lance Tindol (15 cases and nine arrests).

The statistics reflected here are only those from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Elba Police Department's participation in the Twelfth Judicial Drug Task Force and not all the agencies involved in the task force.

The roundup of drug offenses continued during the month of September.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Robert Stephens elected to serve as chairman during FY2004

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a very lengthy three-hour meeting Monday morning, Oct. 27, the Coffee County Commission struggled but finally managed to elect its chairman for FY2004.

The nod went to current chairman Robert Stephens, but it took some time for the commissioners to reach a majority vote. With its past procedure for electing the chairman being questioned heavily, the commission turned to the state's attorney general's office for an opinion on how to handle the election.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said it was suggested to use the roll call form to elect the chairman. In doing this, each commissioner's name was called, and those wishing to elect that person would raise his/her hand (each commissioner had only one vote).

The first roll call resulted with commissioner Bernest Brooks having one vote, commissioner Tom Grimsley having one vote, commissioner Robert Stephens having three votes and commissioner Jim Thompson having two votes.

No commissioner had a majority, so commissioners then voted in the same manner with only the names of those receiving votes in the first roll call being called.

This time, Brooks got one vote, Stephens got three votes and Thompson got three votes. Again, no majority. The commission tried two more times to elect its chairman, but the vote stayed the same each time.

With the vote appearing to be deadlocked, Mobley reminded

commissioners that a chairman would have to be elected by the first meeting in November. He said they could chose to wait until that meeting, but someone would need to be elected.

At that point, Stephens made a motion to restart the election later in the meeting after all other agenda items had been completed.

He received a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Brooks then offered a motion to rotate the chairmanship beginning with District One through Seven with each commissioner having the option to accept or decline. This motion received a second from Stephens but failed to pass with

a 4-3 vote. Once all other agenda items were addressed and completed, Mobley again called the roll for the chairman position.

The vote remained the same as before with Brooks receiving one vote, Stephens receiving three votes and Thompson receiving three votes.

The commissioners tried once more with the same result before Westbrook offered another motion to rotate the chairmanship. She received a second from Brooks.

Commissioner Grimsley then offered an amendment to the motion that since Thompson has not served as chairman, he be named to serve as chairman for FY2004. He received a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

"I've been on this commission for 11 years nearing 12, and I've not been chairman," Brooks responded.

Before this progressed, the county attorney informed commissioners that the law requires the chairman position be an

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CHAMBER HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW OFFICE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce

officially celebrated moving to its new home Sunday, Oct. 12, during the "Celebrate Elba 150" reception, and before going inside for a tour and refreshments, guests joined chamber officials in a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new chamber office is located on Putnam Street next to the old Coffee County Jail. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left) Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Granham, Meredith English, Sam Cooper, Rev. Bobby Holladay, Mary McMillan, Tonya Jones, Herby McCall, Jerry Kelley, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Bob Edmondson, Representative Terry Spicer, Jimmy Harrison, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Doris Mathews, Denise Sauls, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Destiny Hudson, Cathy Edmondson, Cammie Kelley, Judson Vaughan, Melinda Vaughan and Neil Gilmer.

Hard work pays off for Elba Marching Tiger Band at contest



Members of the Elba Marching Tiger Band began working on their 2003 show back in the summer during band camp and have been giving it their all since that first marching drill was held. Throughout the football season, the band has entertained the crowds each and every Friday night with their halftime show while working to perfect their performance for contest season. The first test came at the beginning of October when the band participated in a marching festival in Daleville. The 130 members passed this test and brought trophies home for receiving superior ratings for the drum majors, majorettes, color guard, danceline, percussion and band. However, there was still work to be done as the Marching Tiger Band was set to participate in a contest on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Pinson Valley, Ala. (just outside of Birmingham). This time, the band would be competing with the other bands in its class for best in class. Again, this group of students was prepared to meet the challenge, and gave a memorable performance as they not only received all superior ratings but also brought home the trophies for Best in Class for the majorettes, danceline, percussion and band. This accomplishment certainly did not go unnoticed as Elba was the only band out of about 20 (Class 1A thru Class 4AAA) to receive Best in Class nods for four categories out of six. These students have worked many hours to achieve Saturday evenings accomplishment, and their excitement was evident after being named best in class band for Class 3AAA when several of the members jumped out of the stands to mob band director Jeff Ellis. Following the awards ceremony, Ellis expressed his appreciation to the students and said the evening was proof that hard work and dedication does pay off for those who give it their all. The band was back at work Tuesday evening of this week as they again hit the practice field to work on the final performance of the year which also happens to be Elba High School's Homecoming 2003.

Elba Council approves tax abatement resolutions for new TMD plant

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved two resolutions dealing with tax abatements for the new \$13,000,000 Toledo Molding and Die plant currently

under construction in Elba. According to the agreement, the company projects initially working 80 people. That number increases to 120 within the first year. Annual payroll is expected to approach the three

million dollar mark within a year.

The taxes being abated for the next ten years exclude any education taxes. The agreement covers "all state and local non-educational property taxes, mortgage and recording taxes, and all construction related transactions except education related. The construction related transaction taxes will not extend beyond the date the project is placed in service, which is early 2004.

The council also approved a resolution for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Float Loan for Dorsey Trailers. This is not new money, but a necessary procedure to redo a CDBG loan made to Dorsey two years ago. This program is administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

A request for rezoning a piece of property off the 203 Bypass was given initial approval by the council. Dr. Mitch Purvis has

requested rezoning of a parcel of land just off the bypass from R-1 to M2. There are approximately 4.5 acres in the parcel of land.

The council members were given copies of the monthly financial statement. Mayor James Grimes noted that with the beginning of the new fiscal year the financial report has been changed to show monthly income with the same month's expenditure. Previously the monthly statement reflected one month's income and another month's expenses. Mayor Grimes explained that the city's accountants recommended the change to better reflect what is actually happening with city finances.

The council will hold a work session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday night, October 27th. Grimes said this was to study some revisions in the bylaws for the Elba Fire Department.

The next regular meeting for the council will be Monday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

"Pumpkins on the Square" set for Thursday evening, Oct. 30, in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will kick off the holiday season this week with "Pumpkins on the Square" Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme and also to display their Halloween spirit

by dressing in costume. The merchants will treat children in costume with candies. Due to the overwhelming response again last year, the chamber is asking for candy donations to be distributed among the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the chamber office, and any business not located around the square is welcome to set up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters.

To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest or most original costume in each age division. Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are: Kindergarten thru Third Grade and Fourth Grade thru Sixth Grade.

Hay rides will be a huge part of this fun filled evening, and concessions will be available.

Also, Elba City Schools will celebrate Homecoming during the week of October 27-31. The annual pep rally and bonfire will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. behind the old football field. The Elba Tigers will play Friday night, Oct. 31, at Tiger Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S annual Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. The deadline for submitting parade entries is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School (897-2266) to submit entries. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school at 1:30 p.m. for line-up assignments. For more information, please see the Tiger Tales page.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS for the Town of New Brockton will be Friday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 31, at the Elba Tigers host Geneva County for Homecoming. The Kinston Bulldogs host the New Brockton Gamecocks; the Zeb Chapel Patriots host McKeenies; and the Ripley Bulldogs travel to Laverne.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will conduct its quarterly board meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., at the county office complex in New Brockton.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

From all reports the Coffee County Commission came mighty close to having an impassible log jam Monday morning. It was time to select a chairman to serve for the next year. The chairman is named to serve a 12 month term and then the commissioners vote again for the next year. A commission chairman can be elected an unlimited number of times, but it must be by a majority vote of the commission. The vote Monday changed a bit at the beginning but then repeatedly settled in to a 3-3-1 vote. Then it became a 3-3 with one abstaining. Finally near the end of the meeting an annual rotation plan was approved. When the commissioners from District #1 and District #2 declined the position, the sitting commissioner, Robert Stephens, of District #3 was named to serve another year. We wonder what would actually have happened if that vote had stayed 3-3 or 3-3-1 until midnight or the meeting was adjourned.

Heddy and I have had two grandchildren with us since Saturday. They are (were) scheduled to leave on Wednesday. Five days with a three year old and a two month old seem strange, it having been so long since children toys and noises filled our house. At lunch Tuesday it was just Heddy and myself in the house, as the children and their mother were off with friends. Yet the signs of young children were everywhere... puzzles in the floor, empty baby bottle sitting on the counter, rubber toys on the side of the bath tub, etc. Our old joints and stiff muscles have gotten a workout trying to act agile enough to play the games of a three year old without groaning. However, we continue to say, "someone knew what they were doing when these little ones were named 'grandchildren'". Their daddy is due in Wednesday from a short trip to Italy and three year old Sarah has a list of things to tell him she and granddaddy did this week. We only hope she tells it right and daddy lets them come again... and soon.

Elba Mayor James Grimes left Tuesday morning with some other wheels on an industry seeking trip to South Korea. The Alabama delegation left "in waves," starting during the weekend. More left Monday and others Tuesday. Governor Bob Riley was either on the Tuesday flight or will connect up with the business and political leaders for meetings with South Korean industry leaders. Joining James on this trip was his wife Henrietta, so we need not worry one second about him walking the straight and narrow. These activities don't always result in immediate jobs, but history has shown that a favorable front by "our folks" will ultimately result in added jobs for Alabama citizens, either directly or indirectly.

Halloween time is a fun time for children. We caution our friends to be sure their little ones are more careful than their young excited minds want to be bothered with on a night like Halloween. Parents need to carefully inspect all the goodies that are brought home and be sure they haven't been tampered with by the bad guys.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, investigated the following incidents: two for disorderly conduct, one assault, three for harassment, one accidental damage to a vehicle, four for domestic violence, one accident, one menacing, one criminal mischief, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia and one unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were made: two for disorderly conduct, one for assault, one for resisting arrest, one for obstructing an operation, one for domestic violence, one for harassment and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license, one for a revoked driver's license, seven for not wearing a seat belt, four for no insurance, one for no proof of insurance, one for running a stop sign and one for driving with a canceled driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCT. 20 - River stage - 4.34 feet (6:36 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 189 and the 203 Bypass (10:01 a.m.).

TUESDAY, OCT. 21 - River stage - 4.18 feet (6:19 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported

at 990 E. Davis St. (8:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1094 County Rd. 505 (9:17 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 - Alarm activated at 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (1:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at 454 Forest Hill (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 4.22 feet (6:51 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire on County Rd. 349 (9:50 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a house fire at 3087 Hwy. 84 West (12:35 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the house fire at 3087 Hwy. 84 West for mutual aid (12:47 a.m.); River stage - 4.10 feet (6:20 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24 - River stage - 3.98 feet (6:37 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1104 Caroline St. (11:18 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 - River stage - 3.90 feet (6:40 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84 near the old Pizza Hut building (6:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 26 - River stage - 3.86 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1700 Lower Curtis Rd. (9:04 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 14651 Hwy. 87 South (10:18 p.m.).

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of October including an arrest made Saturday, Oct. 18, in Elba.

A search warrant obtained by Investigator Mark Anderson of the Twelfth Judicial Drug Task Force was executed by deputies from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and officers of the Elba Police Department. The result was the seizure of yet another meth lab in Coffee County.

The search warrant was obtained after a chain of events started with Anderson and deputies Neal Bradley and Lance Tindol doing surveillance in the area where the meth lab was suspected.

The officers were granted permission to be at the residence after contact was made with the person who was suspected of operating the lab, and enough probable cause was obtained for

the issuance of a search warrant based on plain view and the definite odor associated with methamphetamine manufacture.

The search warrant was executed with the assistance of Elba investigator Tony Harrison, Elba officer Austin Redman, deputy Chris Grantham and his canine officer Rocky and reserve deputies Chuck Ulrich and Karen Grantham.

Officers found a meth lab that had just completed a cook and was still strewn about the kitchen area. Finished product was found throughout the residence hidden in many places.

Officials said the persistence of the officers and the skills of Rocky resulted in the search netting close to \$140,000 in meth oil along with approximately \$1,500 in powder.

The Drug Enforcement Agency was contacted in order to coordinate the hazardous material removal, and a Haz-Mat Handling Team was dispatched from Mobile, Ala., to the scene of 1697 County Road

408, Elba.

The owner of the residence, Myra Lynn Spears Mitchell, age 43, was located at a motel in Enterprise and taken into custody.

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electing one. Grimsley withdrew his motion, and commissioners voted 4-3 to rotate the chairmanship with the person accepting the responsibility being approved by a majority vote.

Those voting in favor of the motion were Westbrooks, Brooks, Stephens and Jesse Lewis. The opposing votes were from Thompson, Dalrymple and Grimsley.

Beginning with District One, commissioner Westbrook declined the chairman's position followed by District Two commissioner Jesse Lewis; however, District Three commissioner Robert Stephens accepted the responsibility. He was elected chairman for FY2004 by a 4-3

Mitchell was charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance and trafficking in methamphetamine and placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$200,000 bond.

vote with commissioners Westbrook, Brooks, Lewis and Stephens voting in favor. The opposing votes came from commissioners Thompson, Dalrymple and Grimsley.

The commission chose not to vote on a vice chairman. Instead, commissioner Brooks volunteered to fill in for Stephens when or if he is not available.

Stephens offered a motion to let Brooks fill this position with a second from Lewis. This motion also passed by a 4-3 vote with Stephens, Lewis, Westbrook and Brooks voting in favor while Thompson, Dalrymple and Grimsley offered the opposing votes.

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Deadlines set for holiday mailings for military personnel

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

If you want make sure your holiday packages arrive to service members overseas on time, mail them by Nov. 13. Otherwise, your package could very well be on the proverbial "slow boat to China," said Mark DeDomenic, chief of postal operations for the Military Postal Service Agency.

Military postal operations employees ship about 250,000 pounds of mail each day to Iraq. That number is expected to go up to about 325,000 pounds each day during the year-end holiday season, which is why DeDomenic suggests that people mail holiday packages early.

"Mailing early is the best way to ensure that mail gets through the pipeline to its destination on time," he said.

The Military Postal Service Agency has set the following deadlines for holiday mail: Parcel Post, Nov. 13; Space Available, Nov. 28; Parcel-Air Mail, Dec. 4; Priority and First-Class Letters or Cards, Dec. 11. Those dates also should be observed when sending mail from most overseas locations to the United States as well, DeDomenic said. The Army's 1st Armored Division has a pop-up window that appears on its Web site <http://www.1ad.army.mil/>, linking to an electronic information sheet with specific guidance for people sending mail to and from Germany.

Other tips for faster delivery include mailing smaller packages. "The smaller the package, the easier it is to handle, the quicker we can move it," DeDomenic said. "Shoe box-sized packages are perfect."

Because packages going to an APO or FPO address will require a U.S. Customs label, DeDomenic said, senders should be specific about what is inside the package. "People tend to like to put on the customs label 'Gifts,'" he said. "This is very vague and that is the type of thing that will slow mail down. We must know exactly what is in those boxes to ensure that they are mailable items."

Although some service members move from place to place, DeDomenic said customers should mail packages to the recipient's most recent known address. "The packages will catch up, but sometimes it may take a little longer," he said.

It's a good idea to place a copy of the address inside the package, just in case the address label or package gets damaged. "That way, the package can be rewrapped and sent to the correct address," he said. To ensure packages arrive safely, DeDomenic suggested using strong, sturdy boxes with lots of wrapping. He said boxes should be packed tightly, using packing materials such as popcorn or newspapers, to keep contents from moving. He also recommended that senders use good tape, because the humidity in the desert tends to destroy tape's adhesive qualities. "Masking tape is a definite 'no' when it comes to mailing, and light-duty transparent tape is terrible," he said. "Reinforced nylon tape works very well."

It's also important to remember what can't be mailed, DeDomenic said. Hazardous materials, firearms and flammable liquids are prohibited inside packages. This includes alcoholic beverages and even some perfumes that may have a high alcohol content, he said.

Also he advises not to install batteries inside the electronic items that require them. "Things tend to get turned on (from jostling during shipping), and that causes security concerns," he said.

Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as "Operation Dear Abby" or "Any Service Member" cannot be supported by the agency this year using traditional mail, DeDomenic said. "We ask that the American public use electronic Web sites or send greeting cards via e-mail <http://any Servicemember.navy.mil/>," alternatives, he said.

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It Happened This Week!

FastFact

Thomas Farm, located in Gilchrist County, is world renowned for its fossils. Researchers and students continue to find 18 million year old fossils seventy years after the site was discovered. Dr. Bruce McCadden of the Museum of Natural History founded the *Pony Express* program, which sponsors fossil horse digs at the farm. Find out more at <http://www.fossil.usf.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/ponyexp.htm>.

A Gullible Nation? War of the Worlds Revisited
The American Studies Project at the University of Virginia created this fascinating resource. It examines the underlying factors that led listeners to believe the world was under attack, and includes a copy of the original broadcast. Web Address: <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~7E1930s/RADIO/WOTWW/frames.html>.

The War of the Worlds: A Historical Perspective
John Gooling, a freelance writer, prepared this in-depth exploration of the broadcast. It includes copies of both the *New York Times* and the *Trenton Evening Times* published the following day. Web Address: <http://www.war-of-the-worlds.co.uk/>.

STI Company's Theatrical Adaptation of The War of the Worlds
On February 8, 2000, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts staged this performance by the New York City based STI Company. Using Real Play, the original one-hour performance may be viewed online. Web Address: <http://www.kennedycenter.org/multimedia/waroftheworlds/>.

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Obituary

RENEE CONSTANCE GILES

Mrs. Renee Constance Giles age 81 of Elba, AL, passed away Thursday, October 23, 2003 at Elba General Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Elba United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 26 with Rev. John I. Baxter officiating. Burial followed on Monday October 27, 2003 in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, AL with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. The Giles family request memorial contributions be made to Elba United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or the American Lung Association, P.O. 1967 Birmingham, AL 35201-1967.

Survivors include one son and wife, Barry M. and Kaye W. Giles of Elba; one daughter and husband, Barbara A. and Gerry T. Cagle of Rainbow City, AL; three granddaughters; one grandson and one great grandson.

The family of the late Rev. Jimmy Ray Huguley would like to thank each of you for all acts of kindness shown them during their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you. The Huguley Family

10-30-1p

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IZETTIE MAULDIN FAMILY

The Izzettie Mauldin Family would like to thank everyone for their love and kindness during her stay and death at Elba General Nursing Home and Hospital. Special thanks to the Nursing staff, doctors, friends and neighbors.

Thanks for the prayers, love, visits food and flowers. 10-30-1p

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The family of the late Rev. Jimmy Ray Huguley would like to thank each of you for all acts of kindness shown them during their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you. The Huguley Family

10-30-1p

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FOCUSSED FACTS

It Happened This Week!

FastFact

Thomas Farm, located in Gilchrist County, is world renowned for its fossils. Researchers and students continue to find 18 million year old fossils seventy years after the site was discovered. Dr. Bruce McCadden of the Museum of Natural History founded the *Pony Express* program, which sponsors fossil horse digs at the farm. Find out more at <http://www.fossil.usf.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/ponyexp.htm>.

A Gullible Nation? War of the Worlds Revisited
The American Studies Project at the University of Virginia created this fascinating resource. It examines the underlying factors that led listeners to believe the world was under attack, and includes a copy of the original broadcast. Web Address: <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~7E1930s/RADIO/WOTWW/frames.html>.

The War of the Worlds: A Historical Perspective
John Gooling, a freelance writer, prepared this in-depth exploration of the broadcast. It includes copies of both the *New York Times* and the *Trenton Evening Times* published the following day. Web Address: <http://www.war-of-the-worlds.co.uk/>.

STI Company's Theatrical Adaptation of The War of the Worlds
On February 8, 2000, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts staged this performance by the New York City based STI Company. Using Real Play, the original one-hour performance may be viewed online. Web Address: <http://www.kennedycenter.org/multimedia/waroftheworlds/>.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Benefit Barbecue for Hunter Allen planned for Saturday, November 1

A Benefit BBQ will be held for Hunter Allen on Saturday, November 1, 2003 at Zion Chapel High School Lunch Room from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. BBQ chicken plates or BBQ pork plate - \$5 each and Boston Butts - \$15. Drinks and desserts will be sold. Delivery is available.

New Ebenezer Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming Sunday, November 2

New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Curtis Community in Elba, will hold homecoming services on November 2, 2003. Services will begin at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School followed by

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Ohie Daniels, Rosa Daniels, Rev. Freddie L. Flowers, Ruth Belcher, Versie Barnes, Rev. Joyce B. Johnson, Juan Carpenter, Lizzy Tyson, Carolyn Lawrence, Lovie Hooks, The Martin Family, Bettye English and Joe Chandler.

***2nd Annual Geneva County Area Wide Gospel Musical Workshop Concert will be held at St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church on Friday, November 14, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 through Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

He'll Make Everything Allright When things go wrong As they sometimes will

When friend's don't seem to care Don't worry, don't fret, believe in the Lord;

He promised to make everything allright When life seems hard, He understands

He'll give you peace of mind Be joyful, have courage, don't give up

Jesus is right by your side With him in your life, He'll welcome you

And He'll make everything all right Help some man, woman, boy or girl

To stay on the highway of life Be humble, be true be kind to God yourself and others

Don't be dismayed at all The way seems dark as night some times

But Jesus will make everything all right Composed by: Eria Lindsey Belcher

Pastor's Aide Program to be held at Mt. Calvary MBC

The second annual Pastor's Aide Program will be held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, on Sunday, Nov. 2, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Elder John Pearson, from Church of God by Faith, New Brooklyn.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria



Shown front: Alex Wiggins. Back, left to right: Mandy Loupe, Samantha Wambles, Bridgett Marlowe, Haley Kilcrease, Candace Patterson, Kaleigh Sanders.

Kinston Homecoming Court 2003 selected recently

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Kinston High School, Mr. Coale, principal, is proud to announce the members of this year's homecoming court. Samantha is the seventeen year old daughter of Rickey and Rene Wambles. She is a member of Ino Baptist Church. Samantha serves as Senior class president. Beta Club President, is captain of the varsity cheerleading squad, has played varsity volleyball for four years, varsity basketball for four years, is secretary of FFA, is active in A.J.A.S. K-Club, and was Kinston's representative to Girls State. This year's Homecoming Queen is Bridgett Marie Marlowe. Bridgett is the seventeen year old daughter of Anita and Kenny Marlowe. She is the senior class vice president. Beta Club reporter, a member of the varsity volleyball and softball teams and A.J.A.S. She attends Ino Baptist Church where she is active in the youth group and works with the children's church one year olds. Bridgett has chosen her cousin Alex Paige Wiggins, the four year old daughter of Dewayne and Jamie Wiggins. Alex attends Ino Baptist Church and fills her time cheering, swimming, playing volleyball, and playing with her little sister Ali and all her cousins. Bridgett was crowned during halftime at homecoming festivities Friday, October 24 at Kinston's game against Pleasant Home.

Citizens For the Preservation of the Knowledge of God to meet October 30 in Enterprise

Citizens For The Preservation of The Acknowledgement of God will meet Thursday, October 30, 2003, at St. Andrews Anglican Orthodox Church, located at 1305 Rucker Blvd. in Enterprise. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The

meeting is open to anyone who would like to be a part of this grassroots effort to preserve the public acknowledgement of God and the public display of the Ten Commandments. For more information call Glenn Reeder at (334) 897-2084.

Glenwood Assembly to hold Gospel Singing November 1

Glenwood Assembly will hold a singing on Saturday, November 1 at 7 p.m. The guest

group will be The Melody Masters. Everyone is invited to attend.

Church Directory

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Scenes from Kinston High School's homecoming parade



COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	***TOTALS*** MEMORANDUM ONLY
REVENUES							
TAXES	2,715,180.25	1,141,351.15					3,856,531.40
LICENSES & PERMITS	40,183.18					27,828.00	77,011.18
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	640,991.42	2,585,188.03					3,226,179.45
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	1,032,474.07	245,051.79			2,619,171.21	23,995.79	3,920,692.86
MISCELLANEOUS	359,889.73	579,901.25	186,870.82	15,290.10	96,277.86	61,397.54	1,228,235.82
TOTAL REVENUES	4,808,638.65	4,551,592.22	186,870.82	15,290.10	2,875,448.87	113,221.35	12,318,669.71
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,284,952.27	418,289.00		2,385.00		73,020.09	2,785,516.36
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,781,884.35	51,743.08				27,828.00	1,861,455.41
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS		3,130,847.25					3,130,847.25
SAFETY					1,888,363.18		1,888,363.18
HEALTH	21,872.88						21,872.88
PUBLIC WELFARE	88,725.65	141,556.61					211,284.66
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000.00						6,000.00
EDUCATION	60,001.00						60,001.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	108,995.15	896,304.68		531,898.04			1,537,197.87
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		240,989.53	493,331.85				734,321.38
INTEREST		89,800.77	489,401.40		32,014.91		601,226.08
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES		2,000.00	99,182.00				101,182.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	228,140.00						228,140.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,889,791.38	4,781,822.48	1,081,885.24	533,883.04	1,950,378.09	100,848.09	13,029,388.26
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	248,746.27	(200,020.18)	(935,214.73)	(518,572.94)	685,070.78	12,373.26	(710,718.54)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
BOND PROCEEDS		350,920.00	5,225,000.00				5,575,920.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	700,648.82	577,888.29	1,122,858.57	4,249.54	5,900.00		2,410,847.32
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(467,827.37)	(1,401,896.48)	(170,518.80)	(96,300.00)	(272,991.70)		(2,410,847.32)
OTHER USES		(5,225,798.39)					(5,225,798.39)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	232,821.45	(424,011.18)	954,239.77	(94,050.46)	(267,091.70)	0.00	305,914.61
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	478,767.82	(873,111.34)	21,127.65	(612,723.40)	417,989.08	12,373.26	(356,596.93)
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	820,027.46	1,829,122.58	89,220.84	753,827.52	2,831,065.82	89,337.41	5,962,899.92
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	898,795.27	1,258,011.24	80,248.49	141,103.82	3,048,024.70	101,710.67	5,428,583.99

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

General Obligation Warrants (Health Department Addition)	0
General Obligation Warrants (DHR)	0
General Obligation Warrants (Refunding Issue)	1,945,000
\$.04 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	580,000
\$.05 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	200,000
Loans Payable to Banks	191,631
2002 Construction Warrants	1,880,000
Landfill Warrants	0
Lease Purchase Equipment	896,453
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	352,743
Amounts in Escrow	103,514
Total Indebtedness	\$1,499,341

Kimberly Light
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 Asst. Coffee County Administrator

COMMUNITY NEWS



MEMBERS OF THE SheBang! CHAMPIONSHIP CLOG DANCE CO. of Troy represented their city recently as featured entertainment at several hot spots in Gaffinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The group danced at "Dixie Stampede," "Louise Mandrell Theatre," and at "Country Tonic," and performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Those pictured are: Third Row: Sarah Taylor, Mary Vance Ventress, Courtney Brunson, Stephanie Culpepper, Jenna McLendon, Mindy Carter, Kayli Hornsby, Marie Wilkes, Suzanne Ventress; Second Row: Mikala Burk, Abby Linton, April Garrett, Rachel Gauspohl, Kaley Wade, Samantha Kitchens, Brooke Hudson, Ethan Fortner, Paige Lester, Madi Mehafe, Tom Free, Kori Chirico, Katy Spivey, Emily Thompson; First Row: Kelsey Spivey, Sarah Sanford, Deanna Smith, Kayla Causey, Kailee Taylor, Paige Chancellor, Ellie Barron, Katherine Bullock, Elisabeth Mobley, Faith Dewberry, Elleigh Hall, Faith Spivey, Sarah-Hayden Hollis, Jordan Jacques, Tiffany Weeks, Rachel Tatom.



Pictured left to right: Lee Boyd of Boyd Farm and Michelle Elmore BCIA manager

BCIA Sale held at Phil Farris Farm nets \$139,400

The 16th Annual Wiregrass Evaluation Bull Sale and Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association Replacement Heifer Sale took place at Phil Farris Farm in Elba this Saturday at noon. Two Coffee County cattle breeders were honored.

The sale, which grossed \$139,400, featured 65 bulls from five breeds, and 21 open heifers. Twenty-three Alabama cattle producers consigned bulls for this sale. All of the bulls were raised on forage at the Wiregrass Bull Evaluation in Elba.

Coffee County breeders with consigned bulls were Michael McCart of Pineview Farm in Elba, Glen Barlow and Jeremiah Bryan of B2 Angus Farm in Elba, Harold James of Broken Farm in Enterprise, Bill Winiwiski of Circle 17 Ranch in Enterprise, and Lee Boyd of Boyd Farm in New Brockton.

Before the auction, awards were presented to producers owning the top bulls in their respective breeds at the Wiregrass Evaluation.

Boyd bred the top Simmental bull for both the junior and senior divisions of the Wiregrass Evaluation. The junior bull sold for \$4,500, the second-highest price of the day. The senior bull sold for \$2,900, the third-highest price of the day. The average Simmental price was \$1,937.

James, who did not attend the sale, bred the top Limousin bull for the junior division. His bull sold for \$1,425. The average Limousin price was \$1,388.

Other breeds included in the sale were Angus, Brangus and Charolais. The average price for all breeds combined was \$1,920. The top-selling bull, an Angus from Oak Bowery Farm in Opelika, brought \$6,000. The bull was purchased by Rick Torrance of LaGrange, Ga.

The sale's volume buyer was Donald Baucum of Baucum Ranch in Kinston. He purchased six bulls.

The sale also featured Brangus, Simmental and Simmental-Angus heifers.

Boyd Farm consigned the high-selling heifers, two Simmentals that each brought \$1,000, to Steven Petcher of

Petcher Farms in Citronelle. The average heifer price was \$695.

Rawls Hotel to host Centennial Ball in Enterprise

This year highlights the 100th anniversary of the Rawls Hotel in Enterprise, and in honor of this historic occasion, the Rawls will host a Centennial Ball on Nov. 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

Residents are invited to enjoy an evening of dancing, delicious hors d'oeuvres, carriage rides, a

Christian Mission to sponsor Rodeo November 8

The 5th annual Christian Mission P.C.A. Championship Rodeo will be held Friday, Nov. 7, and Sat., Nov. 8, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

The event will begin at 7:30 nightly, and will include action-packed events such as Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Girls' Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc Riding and Bareback Riding. For the children, there will be FREE pony rides, Mutton Bustin', calf scramble and Gold Rush.

Elba Parks and Recreation and Human Resources are taking applications for Operation Santa Claus

Elba Parks and Recreation and Human Resources are taking applications for Operation Santa Claus. Please bring only new item, except bicycles that can be repaired. Families with children 12 years old or younger may apply. For more information call Dotie Stricklin at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell at 897-6833.

St. or Elba Parks and Recreation located at 764 North Claxton Ave. between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All citizens and businesses in the City of Elba are encouraged to help make this event a huge success and a joyous season. Make a child's Christmas brighter by donating generously. All donations can be turned in at both locations.

walk through the history of the Rawls, and door prizes.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be purchased at the Rawls Hotel or the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will go to the Coffee County Family Service Center.

A Flea Market will be held on the grounds early Saturday morning, and beginning at 10 a.m., a Free Gospel Fest will be held, featuring a variety of Christian talent.

Vendors will offer items including crafts and Western items, and food will be available.

Advance tickets will go on sale Nov. 1 at the Christian Mission Centers in Enterprise, Elba, Geneva, Troy, and at the office on Geneva Highway in Enterprise.



Kendra Cole receives scholarship

Kendra Cole a sophomore at Auburn University, was recently selected to receive the Vodafone - U.S. Foundation Scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year. She will be eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of eight semesters or until she receives her undergraduate degree, whichever should come first.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must be enrolled in the College of Engineering and making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree in Wireless Engineering.

Kendra, a 2002 graduate of New Brockton High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole of New Brockton. She has a brother, Kellen, at Faulkner University in Montgomery.

Don't Forget Pumpkins on the Square Thursday Night 5:30-7:00 - Downtown Elba

SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our wash room is joined to the house by a covered walkway, and one night last week Melanie came calmly back into the house after going out to check on a load of clothes and told me that there was a possum in the room eating the cat's food. I got a broom and chased the varmint out of the room and back into the woods, and Melanie then calmly went back in and put her clothes in the dryer. My youngest may not like spiders, but apparently a possum doesn't scare her at all.

ELBA TIGERS PROVE THEY AIN'T DEAD YET

The Elba Tigers were given up for dead just a few short weeks ago after a big loss to T.R. Miller and many fans even wondered out loud if the Tigers had hit the lowest point in the history of the program. The very next week Elba out-played highly-ranked Straughn, only to lose in the closing seconds by one point, and the next week the Tigers pounded Calhoun 45-0 on the road for their first win of the season. Last week the Tigers were holding their own for quarter back after third string qb Brandon Wilson was lost with a broken collarbone, and Friday night the Tigers took the field to battle a Clarke County team that had humbled Elba 58-20 just last season with their number four quarterback leading the way in his first start over. All the Tigers did was put twenty-eight points on the scoreboard and stun their visitors from Clarke County 28-14, and all of a sudden the Tigers are back on track and some of those same fans are already talking about winning a region championship next season.

Stop the presses and cancel the obituary, these Tigers ain't dead yet! The Elba offense didn't do anything fancy last week in its big win over Clarke County, but what it did do well, and the result was a four touchdown outing against a very physical football team. Elba drove 68 yards on its first possession and 62 yards on its second possession to score two touchdowns and grab a 14-6 lead, then in the second half had a long touchdown run for a score and late in the game, with the outcome very much in doubt, marched 81 yards in 13 plays and ate up almost seven minutes off the clock to score the touchdown that iced the win. The last drive was entirely on the ground against a defense that was stacked to stop the run, and put an exclamation mark on the victory. The Elba offense didn't commit one single turnover, and when it counted most took control of the game at the line of scrimmage. Not a bad performance for a team with only one win that was using its fourth string quarterback.

The Elba defense got pushed around at times by the massive Clarke County line and its hard running backs, but three times rose up to stop Clarke County after it had moved to a first down and goal inside the Elba six-yardline, and it was those three goalline stands that helped the Tigers hold their lead and win the game. The first goalline stand started at the Elba 2 and ended back at the 13, while the second began at the Elba 4 and ended at the five and the third stand began at the Elba 6 and ended way back at the Elba 19. Clarke County had the ball first and goal for a total of twelve plays in the three drives and lost a combined 25 yards on those twelve plays. Coaches call it "gut check time" when an opponent gets inside its teams ten yardline, and Friday night the Tigers passed three big gut checks and showed that it still had the desire to win.

I know there are some people out there that will say Clarke County could have won the game by two or three touchdowns while they may be right, the fact is Elba won the game by two touchdowns and did so by battling toe-to-toe with a much bigger opponent for four quarters. I know the old saying about having "Tiger Pride" may be overused at times. However, Friday night the Elba Tigers showed they still have that Tiger Pride and that football in Elba is still alive and kicking!

AREA TEAMS ENJOY BIG WEEK ON GRIDIRON

The ninth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was a pretty good week for all four teams in the area, with three of the teams claiming big wins. Here's a look back...

*** BRANTLEY (9-0) - The Bulldogs made it look easy once again as they pounded Florala 46-0 and claimed their third straight shut-out victory. The Bulldogs did just about anything they wanted on offense and could have scored more, but took advantage of two touchdowns and did so by battling toe-to-toe with a much bigger opponent for four quarters. I know the old saying about having "Tiger Pride" may be overused at times. However, Friday night the Elba Tigers showed they still have that Tiger Pride and that football in Elba is still alive and kicking!

*** NEW BROCKTON (5-4) - The Gamecocks hosted wireless Wicksburg and coasted in with an easy 41-0 win. The Gamecocks could have been down after watching their playoff hopes die the week before, but came out with something to prove and gave their large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about. New Brockton may be sitting home when the playoffs get started next week. However, the Gamecocks are still a very good 2A team.

*** KINSTON (3-5) - The Bulldogs took no prisoners in posting a lopsided 49-6 win over Pleasant Home, in game that many felt would go down to the wire. The Bulldogs had little to play for except pride for the homecoming tilt, but showed that there is indeed a great deal of pride on the Kinston football team and gave the large crowd a show like many have never seen at Bulldog Stadium. It was a win they will talk about for a while.

*** ZION CHAPEL (9-9) - The Rebels remained winless and lost 41-20 to Cottonwood, but the Rebels did score first and even rallied in the second quarter to regain the lead before watching the Bears pull away. The Rebels were thought to have no chance at all against the region's number two team. However, Zion Chapel once again showed it can compete and that better days are ahead.

WEEK #9 OF SEASON FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT

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The high school football season completed its ninth week of action last week and while it was the final week of region play, it was a week filled with excitement. Here's a quick look back...

*** Charles Henderson spanked Carroll 24-0 to lock up the second seed in its region and give the Trojans the home field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. The Trojans may not be quite as strong as many had thought early in the season, but they do have a very good defense and could hang around for a while when the playoffs get underway. As for Carroll, it looks like the Eagles are headed the wrong way at just the wrong time.

*** Daleville got past Bullock County 24-8 and after a mid-season swoon the Warhawks will be headed to the playoffs, after all. The Hawks seemed dead in the water after a couple of losses in region play, but staged a late-season rally and then watched as leaders knocked each other off. It has to be a good feeling to make the playoffs after all the problems Daleville has made it through this season.

*** Dothan beat Northview 17-7 for its second win of the season and kept Northview winless at the same time. The Tigers and Cougars both missed the playoffs and were little more than pretenders in the 6A ranks, but it was great to hear that a big crowd turned out at Rip Heves Stadium for the annual inter-city battle. Now it will be interesting to see if the two schools combine during the off-season to help solve some financial woes.

*** Enterprise blanked Smiths Station 28-0 to lock up the number three seed in its region and the Wildcats got very well be a team to keep an eye on when the playoffs get started next week. The Wildcats have a stingy defense and an offense that can be effective both running and passing, and it seems like the Cats are just waiting for something good to happen to get on a roll. Maybe it can come sooner than many think.

*** Luverne claimed the region title with an impressive 24-7 win over Calera and it looks like Coach Mike Dubose has his team peaking at just the right time. I heard Coach Dubose speak on a radio talk show and he spoke about how his team would get better as it learned his system, and the Tigers are obviously learning their lessons well now that they are 7-2 on the season and have a region crown on their heads.

*** Opp posted an exciting 28-21 win over Geneva to lock up the number two seed in its region and send the Panthers packing. The Bobcats could have seen their playoff fortunes dimmed with a loss and would have been hitting the road for the opening round game, but will now be at home for their playoff opener, while Geneva will sit home and wonder what happened.

*** Pike County had quite a fight on its hands for much of the game before pulling away to down Straughn 32-13. The Bulldogs have one of the top offense in the state and can beat just about any team, regardless of class, on any given night. However, Straughn may have exposed a weakness in the middle of the Pike County defense that playoff opponents will shoot for. As for Straughn, nobody plays any harder every time they take the field.

*** Slocomb poured it on early and never looked back in posting a lopsided 56-7 win over struggling Samson. The Red Tops just missed making the trip to Birmingham a year ago and appear to be even better this season that it was last year. It may take a little luck to make it all the way, but this Slocomb team may very well be as good as any in the state in the 2A ranks.

*** T.R. Miller rallied from a 14-0 halftime deficit to defeat W.S. Neal and wrapped up a home field advantage in the playoffs in the process. The Tigers were coming off a late loss to Pike County and had to be a little flat early on, but came on strong in the final two quarters and showed once again that they are among the tops in the state. Neal is also much better than many people think, and can still make some noise when the playoffs get underway.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Last weekend's 51-43 loss to Tennessee may count as one loss for Alabama, but in my opinion the Crimson Tide lost the game at least three or four times. Twice the Tide was inside the Tennessee three-yardline with a first down and goal and didn't score a point. Alabama needed only to kick a medium range field-goal with :09 left to win in regulation. Alabama had Tennessee facing a fourth down and 19 in one overtime period and dropped back in a zone that allowed a 25-yard completion. Alabama had the ball second down and two in the final overtime and after two running plays netted nothing, threw a pass that was incomplete and ended the game. Okay, it may have been exciting and a win would have been great. However, this Alabama team has more problems than just a lack of numbers due to being in the NCAA dog house. Here's an idea, can Bama give up some coaching slots instead of giving up scholarships?

*** My Auburn buddy told me last week that the Auburn-LSU game would be decided by the Auburn secondary and that quarterback Jason Campbell would have to pass if the Tigers were going to put any points on the scoreboard against the LSU defense. Question? If an Auburn fan can figure it out, why can't the Auburn coaches? Just like predicted, LSU came out passing to get a big

Elba Junior High to open basketball season Nov. 3

The Elba Junior High Tigers will tip-off their basketball season next week in New Brockton, and Coach Brian Weeks has high hopes for the 2003 Tigers will be able to post a winning record in both seventh and eighth grade action.

"Junior High basketball is

lead early and made it look easy with its 31-7 win over Auburn. I'm not ready to throw in the towel on the Tigers from over in the Plains, but maybe it is time for the Auburn staff to bring in a 90-year-old defensive guru to give the coaches on staff a few ideas. It worked when the 70-year-old offensive analyst looked at the offense, at least for a week or two.

*** I didn't watch the World Series and can't tell anyone why the Yankees lost to the Marlins. My guess is that the Marlins may have tried a little bit harder, and may have been a little hungrier since the team's payroll was over \$120 million less than the Yankees. Know what? Maybe the Marlins actually played better because to them it was still a game.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by later than usual over the weekend and was still gripping about how he was burned out after nine weeks of picking the preps. The local guesspert hit on 27 of 31 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 239-33, but missed out on both the Elba and Kinston picks, and had to take some friendly kidding over the weekend. He said the sunspots were keeping him from using his crystal ball, and then just tossed this weeks picks on my desk. Oh well, here goes...

ELBA VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Pea River felines trapped that gang of Clarke County Bulldogs down in the hole last week and chased them back home. This week the felines will see another set of dogs try to come in and leave with a win, but unless I miss my guess these dogs will also leave with their tails tucked between their legs as the Tigers from the levee city get win number three.

ELBA 29 GENEVA COUNTY 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. KINSTON

The Gamecocks will head across the woods to tangle with the Bulldogs from down by the county line Friday night and may find a hungry bunch of "Dogs waiting to munch down on chicken. Records mean nothing when these two rivals meet, and it will be no different this week in Kinston as the Gamecocks lose a few feathers, but manage to survive.

NEW BROCKTON 32 KINSTON 24

ZION CHAPEL VS. MCKENZIE

The Rebels will pack up their bags and head over to Butler County this week with plans to bring home a win over the winless Tigers. If the Rebels can stick to their plans a win could very well happen, but the Tigers are also hungry for a win after nine straight losses and will fight until the final horn. At the end it will be... ZION CHAPEL 27 MCKENZIE 25

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Bulldogs from across the river will head up the road this week to tangle with the new and improved Tigers from the "Friendliest City" and will no doubt have a real fight on their hands in their quest to remain undefeated. The "Dogs have been having it so easy in region play that they may not remember how to get down and dirty when the game is on the line. This should be a goon one. BRANTLEY 20 LUVERNE 10

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Elba Junior High Tigers

2003 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Nov. 3	New Brockton	Away	5:00	7B-8G
Nov. 6	Zion Chapel	Away	4:30	7B-8G-8B
Nov. 10	Geneva	Away	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Nov. 13	Opp	Away	4:30	7B-8G-8B
Nov. 17	Zion Chapel	Home	4:30	7B-8G-8B
Nov. 18	Andalusia	Home	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Nov. 20	Antion	Home	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 1	Geneva	Home	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 4	Arlton	Away	4:30	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 8	Andalusia	Away	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 11	Opp	Home	5:00	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 15	Fleeta	Away	4:00	7B-8G-8B
Dec. 18	Fleeta	Home	4:00	7B-8B

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SPORTS

Kinston Bulldogs celebrate homecoming with 49-6 win

By Scott Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs returned home Friday night to a packed home and made sure the evening lived up to the homecoming theme "How Sweet It Is!" as the Bulldogs dominated from the outset and rolled to an impressive 49-6 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Kinston's offense scored 30 first half points to light up its side of the scoreboard, while the Bulldog defense didn't allow the Eagles a single first down before intermission.

Kinston's Shawn Brantley received the opening kickoff and handed off to Jerome Ball, who carried the reverse up the right sideline to the 44-yardline. Ball pulled in a screen pass from Garrett Parker on the game's first play from scrimmage and rammed all the way down to the Pleasant Home 28, and the speedy eighth-grader also moved the chains later in the possession as he barreled up the middle to the 14-yardline. Garrett Parker scored the touchdown on a 14-yard dash around the left end, and Shawn Brantley ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs jumped ahead 8-0.

Jason Coon and Joseph McCrummen led the Kinston defense on its first trip to the field and forced a Pleasant Home punt, while the Eagles also failed to move the chains on their second possession and saw disaster strike when on a punt attempt the snap sailed over the head of the Pleasant Home punter. Eagle punter Heath Rolling scooped up the loose ball and tried to head back up the field, but Kinston's Chase Williams made a big hit and the Bulldogs regained possession at the Pleasant Home 21-yardline.

Jerome Ball got the call on first down and raced 18 yards to the Pleasant Home 3, and on the next play Cole Meek carried the ball over for the touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but the Bulldogs had their fans on their feet as Kinston owned an early 14-0 lead.

The two region rivals



KINSTON BULLDOGS got a lot of support from their loyal cheerleader squad Friday night as they staked out their claim to a 49-6 Homecoming win for the alumni.

swapped punts on their next possessions, but Kinston got another big break late in the second quarter when the Eagles fumbled the Bulldog punt and Kinston recovered deep in Eagle territory.

A penalty and a rush for negative yardage left the Bulldogs facing a third down and 17 as the first quarter drew to a close. On the first play of the second quarter Garrett Parker rolled to his left and hit Keith Tew in stride for a 28-yard touchdown toss. The two-point conversion failed; however, with play just underway in the second quarter Kinston was on its way with a 20-0 advantage.

Kinston fumbled away a scoring opportunity on its next possession at the Pleasant Home 36-yardline, but began its next series at the Eagle 37 after a long punt return by Cole Meek, and this time was able to add to its lead.

The big play in the scoring drive was a 23-yard gain by

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New Brockton gets back on track with easy 41-0 homecoming win over Wicksburg

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks came away with a homecoming victory Friday night by blasting the Wicksburg Panthers 41-0.

During the pregame ceremonies, Miss Jessica Oghurn was crowned as the 2003 Homecoming Queen, and she and the large crowd on hand enjoyed the game as the Gamecocks did their best to complete a day of fun and celebration.

Tyler Simmons gained 138 yards on 10 carries in the first half and scored 2 touchdowns, and finished the night with 154 yards on 11 carries and three touchdowns. Brandon Owens added 33 yards on 3 carries and scored 2 touchdowns, while Justin West gained 118 yards on 14 carries. Wesley McCormick and Brandon Owens both recorded 8 tackles and one sack.

The Gamecocks got on the scoreboard to start the game when Tyler Simmons recorded his first score of the night with a one-yard run up the middle. Owens was true with his extra-point try and with 8:36 left in the first quarter New Brockton was ahead 7-0.

It didn't take long for the Gamecocks to get the ball back as Wicksburg fumbled and the loose ball was recovered by New Brockton's Brian Allums.

Three plays later Brandon Owens was in the endzone with his first score of the game after a nine-yard dash around the left end. Owens was true with the extra-point and with 5:36 left in the first quarter the Gamecocks' lead was up to 14-0.

Wicksburg was forced to punt on its next possession, but the Panther punter dropped the snap from center and the Gamecocks were right back in business after a recovery at the Wicksburg 29-yardline. New Brockton failed to take advantage of the turnover, however, as the Gamecocks gave the ball right back on a fumble to kill the scoring threat.

The Gamecocks did get into the endzone on their next possession as Brandon Owens scored his second touchdown of the quarter on a 12-yard scamper. Owens also kicked the extra-point, and at the end of the opening quarter New Brockton was on top 21-0.

The Gamecocks got the ball back on yet another Panther punt and this time wasted little time adding to their lead as Tyler Simmons broke loose and raced 56 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked.

Pleasant Home recorded its initial first down of the game on its first possession of the second half on a 23-yard pass from Brad Sanders to Nathaniel Blount, but the drive stalled and then came to an end when on fourth down Kinston's Keith Tew batted down an Eagle pass.

Kinston gave the ball back on a pass interception, but got the ball right back when the Bulldogs' Keith Tew stepped in front of a Pleasant Home pass and returned the interception for his second touchdown of the night. Jeremy Driver kicked the extra-point and midway through the third quarter Kinston was in command with a 37-0 lead.

Pleasant Home got on the scoreboard on its next possession as Brad Sanders went to the air and completed six passes to Nathaniel Blount, with the final completion going for 18 yards and a touchdown. The two-point try fell short, and with play now late in the third quarter Kinston's lead stood at 37-6.

Kinston began its next possession at midfield after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt, and after two carries by Jerome Ball the Bulldogs found themselves with a first down and goal at the Pleasant Home 8-yardline. Kinston failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity; however, and turned the ball over on downs only inches short of the goalline.

The Kinston defense got the ball back with a fumble recovery by Jeremy Driver on the Eagle 3-yardline, and on the Bulldogs' next play Garrett Parker lofted a pass to an uncovered Shawn Brantley for a Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but it made little difference as Kinston went back up field with a 43-6 advantage.

Pleasant Home continued to struggle against the fired up Bulldog defense on its ensuing possession and after big hits by Joseph McCrummen and Jeremy Driver punted on fourth down and 32.

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New Brockton's Ted Eubanks (19) is ready for action in the Gamecocks' big 41-0 win over Wicksburg.

but with 10:01 remaining in the second quarter the Gamecocks were on their way with a big 27-0 advantage.

Things went from bad to worse for the Panthers on their next possession as they gave the ball right back to the Gamecocks when Brandon Owens recovered a fumble at the Wicksburg 39-yardline. Four plays later Tanner Medley scored on a 10-yard run, and this time Brandon Owens extra-point try was successful, as the Gamecocks opened up a 34-0 halftime lead.

Justin West tallied most of his carries in the second half as he gained 71 of his 118 yards in the fourth quarter. The Gamecocks kicked off to open the half, but got the ball back on a punt and wasted little time heading back downfield as Tyler Simmons scored his third touchdown of the game on his only carry of the half when he scampered in from 16 yards out. Brandon Owens

booted the extra-point, and with 2:53 left in the third quarter the scoring was over as the Gamecocks owned a 41-0 advantage.

STATISTICS

NB	1st Downs	W
17	8	
44-410	Rushes-Yds.	34-44
0	Passing Yds.	60
410	Total Offense	104
0-0-0	Passes	5-14-0
4-30	Penalties-Yds.	5-45
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/2

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SPORTS

Claim second straight win

Tigers stun Clarke County 28-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers hosted the Clarke County Bulldogs Friday night in the final region contest of the season for both teams and put on one of their most inspiring performances in years as they scored two touchdowns in the second half to break a half-time deadlock and turned back repeated Bulldog scoring threats to post an impressive 28-14 win.

The win was the second straight for Elba and gave the Tigers a 2-7 record, 1-6 in region play, while Clarke County slipped to 4-5 with the loss, 2-5 in region action.

Clarke County received the opening kickoff and promptly put its running game on display by driving 73 yards in nine plays to grab an early lead. Brandon White was the workhorse of the drive with 37 yards on four carries, while Willie Horn scored the touchdown on a 2-yard plunge. The extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 7:44 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were already on the scoreboard and owned a 6-0 lead.

Elba's Kimmy Hill returned the ensuing kickoff 21 yards to set the Tigers up at the Elba 32-yardline, and the Tigers covered the 68 yards to take their first lead of the night. A 20-yard pass from Carlos Aruz to Ralston Moore was a key play early in the scoring drive, while the Tiger touchdown came on fourth down and eight when Aruz lofted a screen pass to Kimmy Hill that resulted in a 24-yard scoring play. Kirby Gray kicked the extra-point, and with 5:07 remaining in the opening quarter Elba had moved on top 7-6.

Elba's Stefaun Burks intercepted a Clarke County pass and returned the interception 33 yards to the Bulldog 58-yardline to put the Tigers right back in business, and Elba drove 38 yards in only three plays to add to its lead.

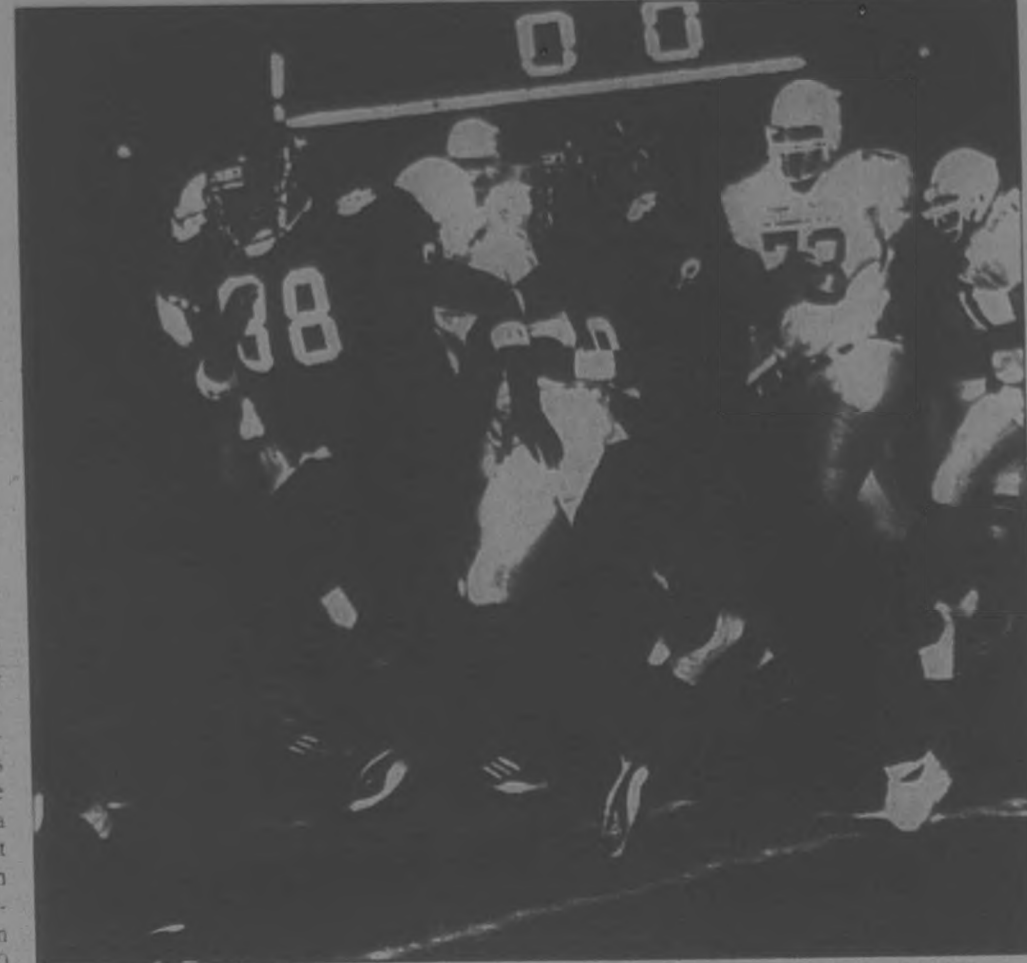
A 15-yard penalty for roughing the passer helped the Tigers early in the scoring drive, but two straight penalties against Elba left the Tigers with a first down and 20 back at the Clarke County 33. An 11-yard pass from Aruz to Jessie Thigpen and a 9-yard pass from Aruz to Marchello Reed enabled the Tigers to move the chains and keep the drive alive, and one play later Elba was back in the endzone as Kimmy Hill took a pitch and raced 4 yards for a score. Kirby Gray added the extra-point and with 1:53 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 14-6.

The two region rivals swapped punts on their next offensive series, with Clarke County regaining possession at its own 30-yardline. The Bulldogs returned to their punishing running game and marched 70 yards in seven plays to catch the Tigers at 14-14.

Brandon White gained 36 yards on five carries to spark the Clarke County scoring drive, and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard blast up the middle.

Elba received the second half kickoff and overcame an early holding penalty to regain the lead. The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 30-yardline after a 10-yard kickoff return by Stefaun Burks, but were left with a second down and 14 after a holding penalty. The penalty was quickly forgotten, however, as on the second down play Kimmy Hill jumped outside and outran the Clarke County secondary 74 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Kirby Gray kicked the extra-point, and with 10:49 remaining in the third quarter Elba was back on top 21-14.

Clarke County put the ball in play at its own 36-yardline to begin its next offensive series



TIGERS IN HOT PURSUIT...Elba Tiger defenders Marchello Reed (88) and Jessie Thigpen (8) chase down a Clarke County runner in Friday night's 28-14 win over the Bulldogs. The Tigers will close out the season this week with their homecoming battle against the Geneva County Bulldogs.

and ate up over six and a half minutes off the clock to score its final touchdown of the game. A 9-yard gain by Marchello Reed was a key play early in the drive, while an 11-yard run on a reverse by Kirby Gray on third down and seven kept the drive alive and moved the Tigers out to their own 44. A 32-yard scamper by Kimmy Hill moved Elba to the Clarke County 18, while a 14-yard dash by Hill set the Tigers up with a first down and goal just outside the Bulldogs' one-yardline. Two plays later Carlos Aruz bulled over from one yard out, and after Kirby Gray booted the extra-point Elba's celebration was on as the Tigers owned a 28-14 lead with just 27 remaining on the clock.

Clarke County did threaten in the closing seconds and reached the Elba 16-yardline after a long kickoff return and a 20-yard pass completion, but the clock reached :00 after the completion and Elba had its second straight win with a 28-14 upset over Clarke County.

Kimmy Hill gained 149 yards on 15 carries to lead the Tigers on the ground, while Marchello Reed added 23 yards on 5 carries and Carlos Aruz connected on 5 of 9 passes for 74 yards. Brandon White gained 152 yards on 20 carries to lead Clarke County and Willie Horn added 99 yards on 15 carries.

STATISTICS

E	1st Downs	CC
12	8	18
32-198	Rushes-Yds.	43-263
74	Passing Yds.	74
272	Total Offense	337
5-9-0	Passes	4-12-1
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	2/0
4-34	Punts-Ave.	2-37
7-58	Penalties-Yds.	13-91

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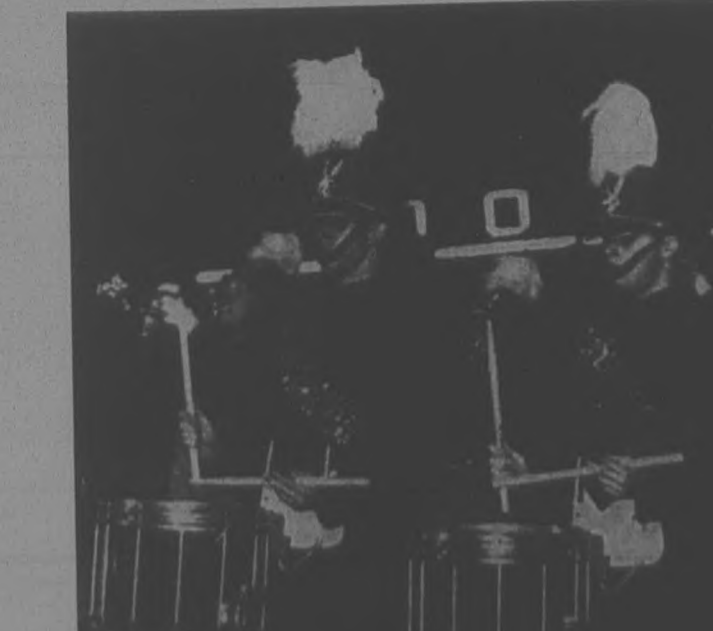
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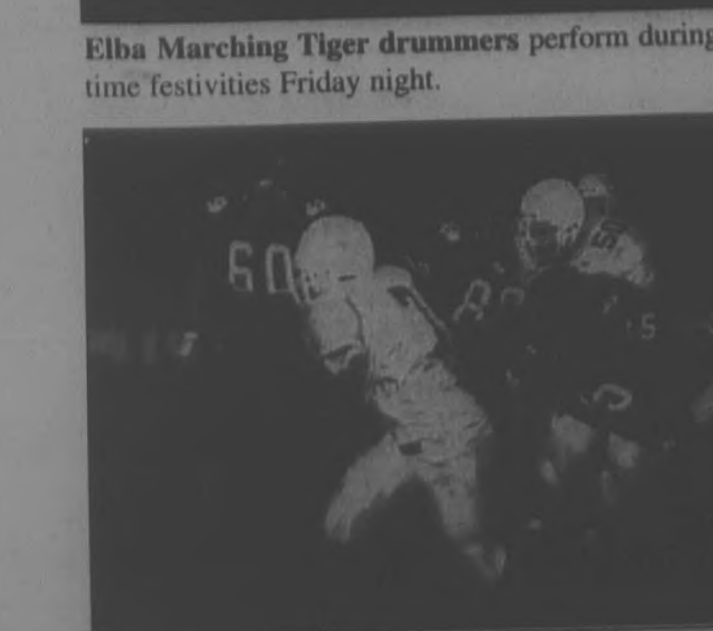
Elba Tiger cheerleader Anna Harrison and the rest of the Tigers were on the prowl Friday night for Elba's big 28-14 win over Clarke County.



Elba Tiger quarterback Carlos Aruz (11) ignores a heavy pass rush and fires a pass downfield in the Tigers' 28-14 win over Clarke County. Aruz completed 5 of 9 passes for 74 yards in the region win.



Elba Marching Tiger drummers perform during half-time festivities Friday night.



Elba Tiger defenders Derrick Thomas (60), Ralston Moore (15) and Marchello Reed (88) converge on a Clarke County runner in last week's 28-14 win over the Bulldogs.

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SPORTS

Closes out region play undefeated

Brantley blows away Wildcats 46-0

By Greg Branson
Photos by Janet Branson



Brantley's Emerald Wave Marching Band had plenty of chances to play the fight song Friday night as the Bulldogs scored seven touchdowns in their big win over Florala.

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their record to 9-0 and closed out region play with a perfect 7-0 record Friday night with a convincing 46-0 win over the Florala Wildcats, in Brantley.

The Bulldogs' offense scored on their first six possessions, while the defense gave up yardage at times, but never allowed Florala to get into the endzone as the Bulldogs recorded their third straight shut-out.

Delange Harris set Brantley up early with a fumble recovery on the opening kickoff and it took the Bulldogs only two plays to cover the twenty-five yards to the endzone. Devaris Skanes scored the touchdown on a 16-yard run around the left end with less than a minute gone in the game. Two penalties set the extra-point try back at the 23-yardline, but Cedric Jones boomed the 40-yard extra-point.

and with 11:04 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

Florala moved to a pair of first downs on its ensuing possession, only to see the drive end when Devaris Skanes pulled down a hatted pass for an interception. Skanes returned the interception for an apparent touchdown, but while a penalty nullified the score, it took the Bulldogs only one play to overcome the flag as on first down Channing Spivey connected with Marcel Stamps on a 30-yard touchdown pass. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 4:41 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

Brantley went 52 yards in five plays on its next possession to stretch its lead to 21-0. The score came on an 11-yard run around the left end by Devaris Skanes, and Jones again added the extra-point as the Bulldogs took command.

Jamyal Jones intercepted a Florala pass at the Brantley 21-yardline to turn the Wildcats back on their next possession, and once again the Bulldogs struck quickly as on Brantley's first play following the turnover Channing Spivey hooked up with Devaris Skanes on a 79-yard touchdown pass. Cedric Jones was true with the extra-point attempt and with 6:38 remaining in the second quarter the Bulldogs' lead had grown to 28-0.

Brantley got on the scoreboard once more before the end of the half as the Bulldogs drove 58 yards in only four plays. The touchdown came on a 35-yard pass from Channing Spivey to Delange Harris on a play in which Harris pulled in the pass at the Florala 20 and broke two tackles on his way to the endzone. The extra-point try failed, but with 2:48 still left in the second quarter Brantley was in complete command with a 34-0 lead.

The second half ended much as the first half had ended as Brantley scored on its first play from scrimmage. Jamyal Jones broke loose and rambled 57 yards for the touchdown, and even though the extra-point again failed, the Bulldogs' lead was up to 40-0 with only 28 seconds gone in the second half.

Florala took the ensuing kickoff and put together an 11-play drive that moved the Wildcats to the Brantley 3-yardline. The Bulldog defense was determined to keep the Wildcats out of the endzone; however, and allowed the 'Cats to get no closer as Brantley took over on downs.

Midway through the fourth quarter the Bulldogs drove 75 yards in six plays to score the final points of the night. Chris Booker scampered 67 yards to give the Bulldogs a first down at the Florala 3-yardline, and three plays later Edgar Walker cracked over the goal line from a



Brantley Bulldog running back Devaris Skanes (5) heads upfield for a 16-yard touchdown run in last week's 46-0 win over Florala. Skanes scored 3 touchdowns in the big region win over the Wildcats.



Brantley's Jamyal Jones (10) fights for yardage in the Bulldogs' 46-0 win over Florala. Jones gained 97 yards on 5 carries and scored 1 touchdown in the region win.

yard out for the touchdown. Brantley didn't attempt the extra-point, and with 5:08 remaining in the game the Bulldog scoring parade was over with Brantley owning a 46-0 lead.

Edgar Walker intercepted a Florala pass on the Wildcats' next series to preserve the shut out, and at the final horn Brantley celebrated the 46-0 region win.

Helping the Brantley defense record its fourth shut-out of the season with big plays were Corey Latham, Jamyal Jones, Marcel Stamps, Delange Harris, Cedric Jones and Cassini Wiley. Jamyal Jones led the Brantley running game with 97 yards on 5 carries, while Chris Booker added 75 yards on 4 carries and Devaris Skanes gained 50 yards on 7 carries, added one reception for 79 yards and scored 3 touchdowns.

Cordarius Smiley led Florala with 115 yards on 31 carries.

STATISTICS

B	F
11	1st Downs 14
20-223	Rushes-Yds. 47-165
144	Passing Yds. 53
367	Total Offense 218
3-4-0	Passes 6-15-3
9-64	Fumbles Lost 1
3-20	Penalties-Yds. 3-20
9-64	Return Yds. 62
1-37	Punts-Ave. 2-19

Rivalries highlight final week of season

The high school football season will draw to a close this week for three of the four teams in the area, and while region play came to an end last week, this week's contests will pit rivals against each other and be for bragging rights until the teams kick it off again next season.

Here is a preview of week #10 action:

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

Brantley Bulldogs (9-0) at Luverne Tigers (7-2)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to put the wraps on a perfect regular season and claim another Crenshaw County football crown Thursday night in Luverne when they battle the Luverne Tigers. The Bulldogs will be entering the state playoffs next week and will be looking to continue their roll past any and all opponents, but will find a stiff challenge awaiting when they head up to Luverne to tangle with Mike Dubose's 2A Tigers. Luverne has posted wins over Highland Home 17-12, Goshen 34-0, Keith 28-6, Elba 30-14, Maybury 25-15, R.C. Hatch 50-0 and Calera 24-7, while losing to Opp 24-6 and Billingsley 20-9. Both teams will carry their region championships into the clash, and it will be just another in the long line of football battles between the two Crenshaw County rivals. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

New Brockton Gamecocks (5-4) at Kinston Bulldogs (3-5)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be hoping that the home field advantage will work its wonders again this week on Friday night when they host the New

Brockton Gamecocks, in the renewal of a Coffee County football rivalry. The Bulldogs blasted Pleasant Home 49-6 last week for its third win of the season, and while the 'Dogs missed the playoffs, a win in the season finale against New Brockton would make it a successful season for everyone down in Kinston. The Gamecocks also missed the playoffs after a promising start to the season, but they clobbered Wicksburg 41-0 last week in its home finale and will be looking to take out their frustrations this week against their rivals from across the county. Both teams are disappointed about missing the playoffs, but can soothe some wounds with a win this week. This should be a true cross-county grudge match. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

Zion Chapel Rebels (0-9) at McKenzie Tigers (0-9)

Two teams hungry for a win will meet Friday night in McKenzie when the Zion Chapel Rebels invade Butler County for a season ending clash against the McKenzie Tigers. The Rebels have struggled to an 0-9 record this season, but have shown they can score points and last week put up twenty-points in a loss to highly-touted Cottonwood. The Tigers have struggled at times just to have enough players to play this season, and will enter the game with an 0-9 record after losses to Houston Academy 39-0, Frisco City 36-17, Fruitdale 6-2, Milby 42-0, Georgiana 48-0, Coffeeville 44-0, J.F. Shields 14-7, J.U. Blacksher 33-0 and Marengo 24-6. A win for either team would help heal some of the pains of a long season, and this should be a game that will be won by the team that wants to win the worst. Kickoff is 7:00 PM.

SPORTS

Fall short of state tourney goal

Tigers post one win at region tourney



Elba Tiger Lyndsay Lawford prepares to serve in a recent win. Lawford recorded 10 service points and 2 kills in the Tigers' region tournament loss to Sumter County. (Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

The Elba Tigers traveled to Montgomery last weekend to compete in the Class 3A, Region A volleyball tournament and claimed one win in three matches to end the season with a 17-14 record.

The Tigers opened the tournament against the defending state champion Alabama Christian Eagles and dropped two straight sets by the scores of 7-25, 7-25.

In the opening set the Tigers trailed only 3-9 early on, but saw Alabama Christian score the next 13 points to take command and roll to the win. In the second set, the Tigers actually jumped out to an early 2-1 lead, only to see Alabama Christian go on a 13-1 run to take charge and claim the win.

Mallory Allen recorded 4 service points in the loss, while Yolanda Reynolds had 4 digs. Whitney Lawford added 2 digs, while Ashleigh Waddail, Whitney Lawford, Lyndsay Lawford and Melanie Mularz all had 1 kill.

The Tigers stayed alive in the double-elimination event by claiming a straight set win over B.B. Comer 25-11, 25-11.

In the first set the Tigers jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead behind six straight service points by Yolanda Reynolds and rolled to the win. In the second set win the Tigers moved out to an early 5-0 lead and later used eight straight service points by Mallory Allen to close out the match.

Yolanda Reynolds had 11 service points, including 7 aces, to lead Elba at the service line, while Mallory Allen had 8 service points, Ashleigh Waddail added 6 and Lyndsay Lawford had 5 service points, including 4



ELBA TIGER VOLLEYBALL TEAM...saw its season come to an end last week with two losses at the region tournament. The Tigers closed out the season with a 17-14 record. Team members include (kneeling, l-r) Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, Whitney Lawford, Kendall Stinson, Yolanda Reynolds, (standing, l-r) Melanie Mularz, Yuliana Vega, Coach Amelia Rhoades, Lyndsay Lawford, Ashleigh Waddail, Jenae Wilson and Amanda Pope.

Sumter County go on an 11-3 run midway through the set to grab a 17-8 lead. The Tigers were down 20-10 late, but rallied behind four straight service points by Lyndsay Lawford and pulled within 21-16, only to lose the set. In the second set Elba pulled ahead early and owned a 10-9 lead midway through the set, only to see Sumter County go on a 7-1 run to pull ahead 16-11. Lyndsay Lawford sparked a 6-1 Elba rally at the service line

aces. Whitney Lawford had 5 kills, followed by Ashleigh Waddail and Yolanda Reynolds, with 2 apiece, while Whitney Lawford also added 1 block and 1 dig.

The Tigers saw their tournament run and their season season come to an end with a straight set loss to Sumter County by the scores of 20-25, 24-26.

In the first set the match was even at 3-3 early on, only to see

as the Tigers regained the lead at 22-21, but Sumter County scored the final two points of the set and claimed the win 26-24.

Lyndsay Lawford recorded 10 service points to lead Elba, while Ashleigh Waddail added 3. Ashleigh Waddail had 9 kills in the match, followed by Whitney Lawford and Yolanda Reynolds with 3 apiece, while Reynolds added 2 digs.

Elba Tigers expect Geneva County to provide tough test

The Elba Tigers will be looking to close out the season with three straight wins and give a homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about on Friday night when they host the Geneva County Bulldogs.

The Tigers will enter the game with a 2-7 record, but with wins the past two weeks over region rivals Calhoun 45-0 and Clarke County 28-14, while the Bulldogs will come to town with a 1-8 record.

"Geneva County is still in a rebuilding process," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "but Coach Maxie Whitaker has done a great job in his two years

down at Hartford and this year's team is much better than its 1-8 record might make one think. Geneva County has been able to move the ball on offense against just about everyone it has played, and scored four touchdowns against Samson and three touchdowns against both Anton and New Brockton. Coach Whitaker has kept it pretty simply on offense and tries to run the ball first, and has a very quick quarterback and a very talented ninth grade running back that rushed for over 200 yards in the loss to Samson. They like to trap on offense and use misdirection, much like last

season. However, this year they are very much improved and can put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense they have given up some points, but play really aggressive and gang tackle on every play. Geneva County doesn't have a lot of players and most of their guys go both ways, but they play hard and never quit."

Geneva County's only win of the season came over Wicksburg 20-12, in two overtimes, while its losses came to Geneva 24-0, Slocomb 42-12, G.W. Long 22-8, Anton 28-20, New Brockton 53-20, Red Level 46-6, Samson 30-20 and Houston Academy 28-0. The Bulldogs are averaging just under 12 points a game, while allowing just under 34 points a game.

"We have shown a lot of dedication and pride the last two weeks," added Coach Waters, "and hope that the players will step up again this week and close out the season with a big win. It is easy to lose focus the week of homecoming and not be ready to play when it is time to play, but we will work hard this week in preparation and will be looking to close out the season with three straight wins. On offense we will need to establish the run and control the line of scrimmage, then use play-action passes to keep their defense honest. I look for Geneva County to load up the line and sell out to stop the run. So, we have to take charge at the line of scrimmage and establish our running game and let it control the tempo of the game. On defense we have to play smart and be aggressive at the same time. They use misdirection and traps very well and have some quick backs that can gain big yardage. We have to dominate the line of scrimmage and make their backs pay when they need

the football. Last year we allowed some long runs and fell behind early, but this year we need to come out ready to play and play with the same intensity we have shown the past three weeks. We will have to play well to win, and know that Geneva County will come to the game confident and looking to take home a big win."

"This team has been through a lot this season and has overcome injuries to close the season with some wins," said Coach Waters. "We lost a heart-breaker to Straughn three weeks ago and have bounced back to defeat Calhoun and Clarke County. A win Friday night would enable us to close the season with three straight wins and put some excitement back into the program heading into the off-season. We know it will take our best effort to win the game, and also know that Geneva County will battle us hard on every single play. Our job at homecoming is to win the football game, and that is what we will try to do Friday night."

When asked about last week's 28-14 win over Clarke County, Coach Waters stated "It was a great win for our program and our young men, and a win that should prove to all the players that we can win if we play hard and play with heart and pride. We were outweighed all across the field and got pushed around at times, but we fought back when they got near our endzone and three times turned them back after Clarke County had the ball first and goal inside our five yardline. A team has to dig down deep and really battle to stage a goal line stand, and our players did it three times against a very talented and very physical football team. It was just one win, but it was a win that we needed against a good opponent."

From combined reports

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their long victory drought con-

tinue Friday night with a 41-20 loss to the Cottonwood Bears, in Cottonwood.

The loss dropped the Rebels' record to 0-9, 0-7 in region play, while the Bears improved to 7-2 with the win. 6-1 in region play, and secured the number two seed in post-season play.

Zion Chapel came out ready to play against the heavily-favored Bears and stunned Cottonwood by driving down the field to grab an early lead. The touchdown came on a 25-yard pass from Josh Smith to Austin Smith, and Hayden Osborn booted the extra-point to give the Rebels a 7-0 advantage.

Cottonwood wasted little time pulling even as the Bears' Rayshaw Tillman returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. However, the Rebels seemed unimpressed with the sudden score and regained the lead early in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel's second score of the half came on a 3-yard run by Charlie Hurd, and Osborn again booted the extra-point as the Rebels regained the lead at 14-7.

Cottonwood's Michael Curry scored on runs of 5 and 75 yards later in the half to give the Bears a 20-14 halftime advantage, and the Bears then put the game away in the second half as they scored on a 5-yard pass from Allen Williams to Greg Deckle, a 30-yard run by Michael Curry and a 32-yard scamper by Rayshaw Tillman to pull out to a big 41-14 lead.

Zion Chapel scored late on a pass from Josh Smith to Austin Smith, but it was too little, too late as the Rebels fell 41-20.



Zion Chapel's Coach Harry Lees talks with Rebel Jamie Wise (15) during a break in the action. The Rebels will be looking to close the season with a win this week when they travel to McKenzie.

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REVENUES			
STATE	\$8,338,327.77		
FEDERAL	1,807,221.74		
LOCAL	3,161,781.16		
OTHER	125,704.59		
TOTAL REVENUES	13,433,035.26		
OTHER FINANCING			
FUND TRANSFERS IN	413,202.27		
OTHER SOURCES	111,767.98		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	524,970.25		
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING	13,958,005.51		
		FUND BALANCE 10-01-02	\$ 13,958,005.51
		TOTAL	\$ 4,599,328.83
			\$ 18,557,334.34
EXPENDITURES			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,314,182.97		
INSTRUCT. SUPPORT SERV.	\$ 1,733,087.36		
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,400,115.43		
AUXILIARY SERVICES	\$ 1,564,214.38		
GENERAL ADMIN. SERV.	\$ 455,898.82		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 12,854.43		
DEBT SERVICE			
PRINCIPAL	\$ 190,069.00		
INTEREST	\$ 96,218.00		
OTHER DEBT SERV.	\$ 1,538.91		
OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 136,437.27		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,904,626.57		
OTHER FUND USES			
TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 413,202.27		
OTHER FUND USES	\$ -		
TOTAL OTHER FUND USES	\$ 413,202.27		
TOTAL EXPEND. & OTHER FUND USES	\$ 13,317,828.84		
		FUND BALANCE 9-30-03	\$ 13,317,828.84
		TOTAL	\$ 5,239,505.50
			\$ 18,557,334.34
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS			
1992	SPECIAL TAX	\$ 800,000.00	
1993	DISTRICT TAX	\$ 400,000.00	
2000	ST CAP PURCHASE-PSF	\$ 539,027.73	

SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY:

YEAR ENDED		1992 SERIES		1993 SERIES		2000 CAPITAL PURCHASE		TOTAL
		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	
SEPT 30,	2003	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 49,712.50	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 23,212.50	\$ 20,069.00	\$ 29,918.00	\$ 292,912.00
	2004	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 42,812.50	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 19,887.50	\$ 21,079.00	\$ 28,914.00	\$ 292,493.00
	2005	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 35,312.50	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 16,781.25	\$ 22,125.00	\$ 27,880.00	\$ 290,078.75
	2006	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 27,187.50	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 11,982.50	\$ 23,285.00	\$ 26,888.00	\$ 283,743.00
	2007	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 7,187.50	\$ 24,514.00	\$ 25,478.00	\$ 280,927.50
	2008	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 5,328.50	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25,807.00	\$ 24,188.00	\$ 282,823.50
	2009-19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402,136.73	\$ 150,478.00	\$ 552,614.73
TOTAL		\$ 800,000.00	\$ 179,103.50	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 70,931.25	\$ 539,027.73	\$ 313,530.00	\$ 2,311,982.48

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